GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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OUTLAY FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the outlay for Rural Electrification Corporation during 2000-2001;

(b) whether outlay for the current year has been reduced as compared to the preceding year;

(c) if so, the justification therefor; and

(d) whether Gujarat is likely to be adversely affected due to this reduction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : The budget outlays approved by the Government for Rural ElectrificationCorporation for the year 1999 and 2000 are given below :

Year	Normal	Minimum Needs Programme (Rs. In crores)
1999-2000	430	175
2000-01	460	NIL+

+ During the year 2000-01, the funds under Minimum Needs Programme has beenreleased directly to the States instead of routing it through REC.

Thus, it would be seen that the normal budgetary support for REC has beenincreased as compared to the budgetary allocation of 1999-2000.

REC sanctioned an assistance of Rs.702 crores to Gujarat Electricity Board and disbursed Rs.536 crores during the year 2000-01.